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INTERCONNECTION **CROSS-CONNECT FOR OPTIONAL** OF OPTICAL For:

COMMUNICATION SIGNALS OF DIFFERENT MULTIPLEX LEVELS

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby expressly abandon the above-identified application, but not the invention described therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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